

Rainbow Pre-School & Extended Services



Sickness Policy

Policy statement

We take steps to ensure that there are effective procedures in place to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from infectious illnesses. Our policy for the exclusion of ill or infectious children is discussed with parents at their induction meeting prior to their child starting at RPS&ES. This includes procedures for contacting parents or other authorised adults to collect children from the setting who have become unwell during the session.

EYFS Key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.1 Keeping Safe 1.4 Health and Well-being		3.4 The Wider Context	

If a child becomes ill while in the setting.

- We do not provide care for children, who are unwell, have a temperature, or sickness and diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease. Their parent or carer will be telephoned immediately to collect the child. We will record it in our communication book for our records. The child will be comforted and cared for until they are collected and isolated if necessary.
- If a child has suffered from any diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they must not attend the setting until they have been symptom free for 48hours.
- Children with head lice are not excluded but must be treated to remedy the condition.
- Children and families are not excluded because of HIV.
- If a member of staff becomes ill during a session, adequate staff cover will be organised enabling the staff member to go home.
- If a child has a communicable disease, (other than HIV or Hepatitis B) they should not attend the setting until they are no longer infectious, following the infection control guidelines from the Public Health England. In the case of suspected Covid-19, please follow the current NHS and Gov.uk guidelines for self-isolating and testing: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-and-support)

Details of the recommended periods away from pre-school for other illnesses can be provided by telephoning Rainbow on 01767 310230. We ask that parents advise us if their child contracts an infectious disease or contagious condition so that we can take the appropriate action to minimise the risks to all children, staff, visitors and their families and notify all users of our setting.

- If we have reason to believe that any child is suffering from a notifiable disease identified as such in the Public Health (Infection Diseases) Regulations 1988, we will inform the Health Protection Agency (HPA) or Public Health England and will act on any advice given by the HPA and inform Ofsted of any action taken within 14 days. In the case of a covid-19 outbreak Rainbow will follow the advice of the Department of Education and PHE.
- We will notify Ofsted, within 14 days, of any food poisoning affecting two or more children looked after on the premises
- We recommend that all parents and carers consider routine immunisations as recommended by their GP and maintain top-up/booster treatment. Immunisation is the most effective way to protect children from illnesses. Children who are considered high risk or vulnerable may be entitled to additional preventative treatments, please refer to your child' GP.
- Our normal terms and conditions apply to fees payable during times of absence relating to sickness.

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Signed on behalf of the provider

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Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)

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